

SUBJECT: Topic for Discussion at DCI Breakfast Meeting
with Secretary Weinberger on 13 November 1981

Situation in Eastern Chad

The Libyans continue to withdraw from Ndjamena, the Chari-Baguirmi region and eastern Chad as a result of the 30 October GUNT cabinet resolution calling for total Libyan withdrawal from the country by 31 December 1981. It appears that the bulk of departing Libyan forces have redeployed to the Aozou area of northern Chad, which is a remote region near the Libyan border. Nevertheless, Qadhafi may be able to claim total withdrawal of his forces from Chad because Libya considers the uranium-rich Aozou strip to be Libyan territory. Although we have no reporting as yet on Qadhafi's intentions, he may plan to reinsert his troops into central and eastern Chad should Chadian factional fighting resume before the OAU Peacekeeping Force (PKF) arrives or after if the PKF is unable to maintain order.

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